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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
115-3189-U

In R Application Of: **Dennis Foster et al**

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Serial No.  
09/334,974

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Cantelmo, G.

Group Art Unit  
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Invention:

**PROCESS FOR APPLYING PROTECTIVE AND DECORATIVE  
COATING ON AN ARTICLE**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 6/14/01 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: September 14, 2001    until: November 14, 2001  
*Date*    *Date*

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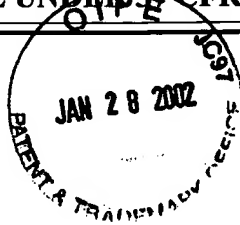
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TOTAL CLAIMS	-	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	-	3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$400.00</b>

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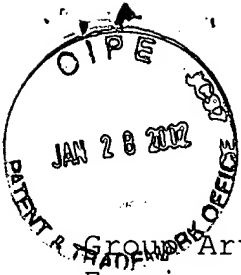
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Group Art Unit 1753

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PATENT

Applicants: Dennis Foster et al

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Filed: June 17, 1999

Title: PROCESS FOR APPLYING PROTECTIVE  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 55-63.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.[amended four times] A process of depositing a multi layer coating on at least a portion of an article surface comprising:

depositing by electroplating at least one metal or metal alloy containing layer on at least a portion of said article surface;

subjecting said article surface having said at least one electroplated layer thereon to pulses of air to dry and clean said electroplated article surface; and

depositing by physical vapor deposition on at least a portion of said dry and clean electroplated layer at least one